

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

HB 3029 - SB 3102

February 25, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the investigatory powers of the state attorney general by allowing the state attorney general to conduct an investigation, with the assistance of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, into specific proceedings of the criminal justice system if the attorney general receives credible evidence that improprieties have occurred. Current law gives the attorney general the authority to investigate judges and district attorneys general when the attorney general receives information that would constitute probable cause that the official has violated state law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 18, we issued a fiscal note on this bill indicating an impact of *Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant*. Based on additional information provided by the office of the state attorney general, we estimate the impact of this bill as follows:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

The bill requires an assessment of complaints to determine credibility prior to investigation or referral to another authority for investigation.

Estimate assumes a significant number of cases will occur since the entire criminal justice system is included. Currently the state attorney general is authorized to investigate only cases involving judges and district attorneys general.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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